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Amendment D

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 - 33. (canceled)

34. (new) A method of producing elastic cuff areas in an absorbent article comprising,

a) providing a backsheet web at a first dimension, the backsheet web having a cuff area, the backsheet web expands in a lateral direction to a second dimension when a force is applied and contracts after the force is removed;

b) affixing an untensioned elastic material to the cuff area of the backsheet web when the backsheet web is at the first dimension to provide for a flat cuff area; and

c) applying a liquid retention structure to the backsheet web to produce an absorbent article.

35. (new) The method of claim 34 further comprising, associating a laterally extendible topsheet web to the backsheet web and positioning the liquid retention structure between the topsheet and the backsheet web.

36. (new) The method of claim 35 wherein the cuff area is a waistband.

37. (new) The method of claim 35 wherein the cuff area is a leg cuff.

38. (new) The method of claim 34 wherein the backsheet web comprises a microporous film extendable in at least the lateral direction.

39. (new) The method of claim 36 wherein a second elastic material is applied in a tensioned state to the cuff area.
